

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****MAY 23 2006**

Appl. No. 10/824,880
Amdt. dated March 15, 2006
Reply to Final O.A. of April 26, 2006

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9: (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) A method of laying hot blacktop paving material comprising bitumen-coated aggregate, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving the bitumen-coated aggregate, the bitumen-coated aggregate having been formed by coating the aggregate with bitumen,
- (b) mixing a mixture consisting essentially of water and wetting agent with the bitumen-coated aggregate to form the blacktop paving material,
- (c) spreading the blacktop paving material on a surface for receiving the blacktop material immediately after the mixture of water and wetting agent is mixed with the bitumen-coated aggregate.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the mixture of water and wetting agent has a molar concentration of wetting agent within the range of 0.1% to 1.5%.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the mixture of water and wetting agent is added to the bitumen-coated aggregate at a weight concentration of 1% to 5% relative to the weight of the bitumen-coated aggregate.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the mixing of the mixture of water and wetting agent and bitumen-coated aggregate is conducted by kneading.

Appl. No. 10/824,880
Amdt. dated March 15, 2006
Reply to Final O.A. of April 26, 2006

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the bitumen in the bitumen coated aggregate is in a non-foamy fluid state during the mixing and spreading steps.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the bitumen-coated aggregate is at a temperature within the range of 60°C to 100°C during the receiving step.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the bitumen-coated aggregate is at a temperature within the range of 100°C to 130°C during the receiving step.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the bitumen-coated aggregate is at a temperature of about 110°C during the receiving step.